

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Canceled)
2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently amended) A bag according to claim [[1]] 15, in which the tear element is coated with a peel seal material.
5. (Currently amended) A bag according to claim [[1]] 15, in which the tear element comprises a strip, tape or string.
6. (Canceled)
7. (Canceled)
8. (Canceled)
9. (Canceled)
10. (Canceled)
11. (Canceled)
12. (Canceled)
13. (Canceled)
14. (Canceled)
15. (Currently amended) A reclosable bag having a reclosable zipper and a top seal which is openable to gain access to the zipper, the bag having an elongate tear element

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attached to the zipper by a peel-seal material, the elongate tear element extends extending through the top seal to protrude from the top of the bag and [[which]] so that it can be grasped and pulled to open the top seal and enable access to be gained to the reclosable zipper.